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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Bronk, et al.

APPLICATION NO.: 09/424,104

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TITLE: 4"-SUBSTITUTED-9-DEOXO-9A-AZA-9A-HOMOERYTHROMYCIN A DERIVATIVES

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AMENDMENT

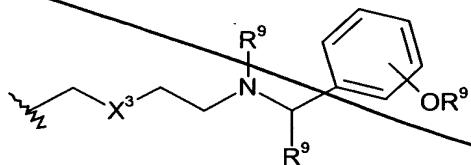
This is in response to the Office Action dated June 13, 2000, rejecting claims 1 to 28, all of the claims in the application. Pursuant to a Petition for Extension of Time for 3 months, a response is due December 13, 2000.

PLEASE AMEND AS FOLLOWS:

In the Claims:

In each of claims 1, 4, 5, 12, 14, 24 and 26, in each instance after "selected from", insert --- the group consisting of---

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~~Claim 21 (amended): The compound of claim [2], 1, wherein R⁴ is H, acetyl, or benzyloxycarbonyl, wherein R³ is selected from the following:~~



wherein X³ is O, S or -N(R¹⁵)-, R⁹ and R¹⁵ are as defined in claim 1, and the -OR⁹ group may be attached at any available carbon on the phenyl group.

In the Specification:

On the last page of the specification, add the enclosed abstract on a separate page.

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